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SUBJ :DEATH OF BRAAM FISCHER

1. BRAAM FISCHER DIED OF CANCER IN BLOEMFONTEIN MAY 8. MINISTER OF JUSTICE KRUGER HAD PERMITTED FISCHER TO MOVE TO BLOEMFONTEIN FOR LAST TWO MONTHS OF HIS LIFE, BUT HE WAS STILL REGARDED ASA PRISONER. FISCHER,WHO WAS CONVICTED IN 1964 UNDER SUPPRESSION OF COMMUNISM AMT, WAS SERVING LIFE SENTENCE.

2. SAG'S CONTROVERSIAL ATTITUDE TOWARD FISCHER HAS PERSISTED EVEN AFTER HIS DEATH. DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS LAID DOWN THREE CONDITIONS REGARDING FISHER'S FUNERAL. FUNERAL SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN BLOEMFONTEIN,DESPITE FAMILY'S PREFERENCE THAT FUNERAL BE HELD IN JOHANNESBURG, AND SHOULD TAKE PLACE WITHIN A WEEK. THIRD CONDITION IS THAT FISCHER'S ASHES BE HANDED OVER TO DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS AFTER HIS CREMATION. HELEN SUZMAN, PROGRESSIVE PARTY MP,HAS COMMENTED THAT IT 'MONSTROUS' TO PURSUE FISCHER BEYOND THE GRAVE. BISHOP AMBROSE REEVES, FORMER ANGLICAN BISHOP,WAS,ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNT, 'SHATTERED' BY PRISON DEPARTMENT'S DEMAND FOR FISCHER'S ASHES. HE SAID, 'THEY BOOKED HIM INTO PRISON AND THEY REFUSE TO FEEL OBLIGED TO BOOK HIM OUT'.

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